

# Attachment 1: Authorizing Documentation

Attachment 1 consists of the following:

- ✓ **Authorizing Letter for Planning Grant Application Submittal**

Letter documenting Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA) Board of Directors directing the Executive Office to submit an IRWM Planning Grant Application.

- ✓ **Minutes from April 23, 2010 UWRWA Board of Directors Meeting**

Letter documenting Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority Board of Directors directing the Executive Office to submit an IRWM Planning Grant Application.

Note: the meeting minutes from the July 23, 2010 Board of Directors meeting are not yet publically available.





# Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority

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August 30, 2010

Department of Water Resources  
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management

Subject: Documentation authorizing the Executive Officer to submit IRWM Planning Grant application

To whom it may concern,

The purpose of this letter is to document my authority to submit the accompanying Planning Grant application on behalf of the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA or Authority). UMRWA is a joint powers agency comprised of Alpine, Amador and Calaveras Counties and six water agencies which provide service within those counties. I am the Executive Officer (EO) for the Authority and have served in this capacity for ten years.

The UMRWA Board of Directors initially authorized submittal of a Proposition 84 Planning Grant application at its April 23, 2010 regular meeting. Below is the relevant excerpt from the approved April 23, 2010 minutes of that UMRWA Board meeting.

***Item 6. Planning Grant Application - To support the preparation of a Planning Grant application this year the Authority has hired RMC Consultants and budgeted \$15,750 for associated costs. With DWR indicating that applications may be due in early August the preparation of the application must begin soon. The suggested process and schedule for doing so were reviewed and discussed by the Board.***

***Motion 11-10 – Motion to approve the preparation of a Planning Grant application and authorize the EO to follow the process and schedule as presented, made by Director Dean, seconded by Director Willy, and carried by roll call vote: Yea 7 - Nay 0.***

At the subsequent Authority Board of Directors regular meeting, which was held on July 23, 2010, the Board received an update regarding DWR's efforts to finalize and release the IRWM Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Packages. The applicable excerpt from the minutes of that meeting is provided below.

***Item 2. Update on DWR's Prop 84 Grant and IRWM Programs - Executive Officer Rob Alcott gave an update on DWR's Prop 84 Grant and IRWM Programs. The Board discussed the update information and authorized the EO to continue to prepare and submit the Planning Grant application by the anticipated late September deadline, and to develop an Implementation Grant application task schedule for review with the Board at the October meeting.***

Please contact me directly at [robalcott@aol.com](mailto:robalcott@aol.com) or 707-785-1008 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

***Rob Alcott***

Rob Alcott  
Executive Officer

#### Members

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Calaveras Public Utility District • East Bay Municipal Utility District • Jackson Valley Irrigation District



**Friday, April 23, 2010 – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Governing Board**  
**Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority**  
**McLean Hall – Pardee Center – Valley Springs, CA**

**Summary Minutes**

**ROLL CALL**

Directors Terry Woodrow, Ted Novelli, Bill Condrashoff, Bob Dean, Donna Leatherman, Hank Willy, and Chairperson John Coleman were present along with Executive Officer (EO) Rob Alcott, Authority Counsel Martha Shaver, and Authority Secretary April Hughes. Eight visitors and staff were in attendance as well.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - none

**AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

**1. Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2010**

**Motion 07-10** – Motion to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2010 regular meeting was made by Director Condrashoff, seconded by Director Novelli, and carried by roll call vote: Yea 6 – Nay 0 – Abstain 1 (Dean)

**2. Selection of Authority Vice Chairperson**

With Amador Water Agency's (AWA) appointment of Bill Condrashoff to serve on the Authority Governing Board, the Board will need to replace past UMRWA Vice Chairperson Terry Moore. The Board may consider appointing a new Governing Board Vice Chairperson at this time. Following discussion it was agreed that this item will be placed on the July 23 meeting agenda for action at that time.

**3. Update on the Youth Watershed Stewardship Program**

UMRWA has provided funds to support the local public schools Youth Watershed Stewardship Program (YWSP) since Fiscal Year 2006. Through a series of four contracts with the Central Sierra Resource Conservation and Development District (CSRC&D), the sponsor of the YWSP, Authority members have provided about \$121,000 in total funding to support the program's creation and continuation.

At the invitation of the Governing Board, Mary Anne Garamendi presented an update report regarding the YWSP's accomplishments since its inception. Mary Anne Garamendi and Terry Hampton provided highlights of the watershed and water-environment stewardship programs. Ms. Garamendi suggested that Authority members visit the school program website ([www.steonline.org](http://www.steonline.org)) to become more familiar with the programs.

**4. Update on DWR's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Guidelines and Grant Programs**

Following discussion the Board approved the following motion.

**Motion 09-10** – Motion to ratify the comments submitted by the EO to DWR recommending that the Planning Grant local match requirement be eliminated or reduced to no more than 25%, and that the maximum grant award be limited to \$500,000, made by Director Dean, seconded by Director Woodrow, and carried by roll call vote: Yea 7 - Nay 0.



## **5. Implementation Grant Approach and Process**

To support the preparation of an Implementation Grant application this year the Authority has hired RMC Consultants and budgeted \$22,500 for associated costs. With DWR indicating that applications may be due as early as August the Authority's approach to this grant opportunity, of which there are two, will need to be determined today. One approach is negotiating a grant sharing agreement with the other three regions in our funding area (GBA, East Contra Costa Co, and Madera County). The other approach is preparing and submitting an application per the program's requirements. An analysis of these two options was presented by the EO and discussed by the Board with the Board favoring the latter option.

**Motion 10-10** – Motion to (1) approve the draft list of candidate projects to be used as the preliminary basis for UMRWA's Implementation Grant application, and (2) approve the preparation of an Implementation Grant application and authorize the EO to follow the process and schedule as presented, made by Director Wilensky, seconded by Director Dean, and carried by roll call vote: Yea 7 - Nay 0.

## **6. Planning Grant Application**

To support the preparation of a Planning Grant application this year the Authority has hired RMC Consultants and budgeted \$15,750 for associated costs. With DWR indicating that applications may be due in early August the preparation of the application must begin soon. The suggested process and schedule for doing so were reviewed and discussed by the Board.

**Motion 11-10** – Motion to approve the preparation of a Planning Grant application and authorize the EO to follow the process and schedule as presented, made by Director Dean, seconded by Director Willy, and carried by roll call vote: Yea 7 - Nay 0.

## **7. Fractured Rock Groundwater Study Proposal for Local Groundwater Assistance Grant**

At the January 22 meeting the Board authorized the Executive Officer to work with member agency representatives to develop a fractured rock groundwater project description and other material necessary for a 2010 LGA grant application, and that the project description and related LGA information be presented to the UMRWA Board at this meeting for possible action.

**Motion 12-10** – Motion to authorize the Executive Officer, in coordination with member agency staff, to develop and submit a LGA application, made by Director Dean, seconded by Director Wilensky, and carried by roll call vote: Yea 7 - Nay 0.

## **8. MOU with San Joaquin & US Bureau of Reclamation – IRCUP Plan of Study**

The Inter Regional Conjunctive Use Project (IRCUP) has been discussed as a potential water resource project by UMRWA and others for several years. The concept behind the IRCUP is to divert high seasonal river flows to underground storage in San Joaquin County for later withdrawal and use by the potential project partners (Amador and Calaveras, East Bay MUD, and San Joaquin agencies). Storing this water underground will also help offset San Joaquin's ongoing groundwater overdraft condition.

The US Bureau of Reclamation has received a \$250,000 appropriation to conduct what is being called a Gap Analysis, and then based on that analysis, expand the Plan of Study to consider the IRCUP. The Gap Analysis will identify what additional engineering, environmental, and economic studies and investigations are needed to supplement previously completed MORE WATER Project study efforts to encompass the broader IRCUP concept

project. USBR will then update the previously drafted POS which will serve as its guide for evaluating the engineering, environmental and economic considerations of the broader IRCUP.

A MOU between UMRWA, the MRWPA and the US Bureau of Reclamation has been drafted to facilitate participation by UMRWA member agencies in the USBR's study process. The MOU is proposed as an effective way to engage the participation of agencies representing the interests of the broader region (specifically Amador, Calaveras and East Bay MUD).

**Motion 13-10** – Motion to Authorize the Executive Officer to execute a MOU with the Mokelumne River Water and Power Authority and the USBR to include UMRWA as a participant in the Bureau's preparation of a Gap Analysis and updated Plan of Study (POS) for the Integrated Regional Conjunctive Use Project (IRCUP), made by Director Dean, seconded by Director Condrashoff, and carried by roll call vote: Yea 7 - Nay 0.

The MOU the EO is hereby authorized to execute must ensure that: the MOU is only in effect for the development of a Gap Analysis and POS Update; UMRWA has no funding obligations; and URWMA and MRWPA will have equal roles in the review and approval of USBR work products. The MOU must also first be reviewed and approved by Authority Counsel.

## **9. FY 2010 Straw Man Budget Proposal**

Following the challenging process of developing the FY 2010 budget the Authority Board formed the Board Advisory Committee (BAC) and assigned it the task of "evaluating Authority budget and revenue issues". At its March 19, 2010 meeting the Board Advisory Committee reviewed several issues associated with the development and adoption of recent Authority budgets. The discussion concluded with a request to the Executive Officer to develop a 'straw man' FY2011 budget and to send the straw man budget to BAC members for sharing with their respective agency boards and staff.

**Motion 14-10** – Director Dean moved to table this item until the July meeting, seconded by Director Condrashoff, and carried by roll call vote: Yea 7 - Nay 0.

## **10. Treasurer's Report – 1st Quarter FY 2010**

The EO summarized the revenue and expense details contained in the 1st Quarter Treasurer's Report and said that each member would be emailed a copy of the report.

**Motion 15-10** – Motion to Accept the 1st Quarter Treasurer's Report for filing made by Director Woodrow, seconded by Director Willy, and carried by roll call vote: Yea 7 - Nay 0.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

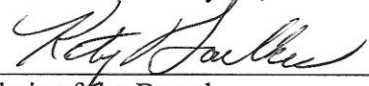
Director Coleman adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

**Next Regular Meeting: July 23, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.**

SUBMITTED BY

  
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April Hughes, Authority Secretary

APPROVED: July 23, 2010

  
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Chair of the Board